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Mayor Healy to Raise Filipino Flag Over City Hall Marking the Commencement of Philippine- American Friendship Month

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, and the **Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Cultural Affairs** will raise the **Filipino** flag over City Hall at **6:00 p.m.** on **Friday, June 12, 2009, 280 Grove Street.**

“The **Filipino** community continues to make outstanding accomplishments in our city every day,” said **Mayor Healy**. “In raising their flag alongside the American flag we are celebrating not only the triumphs of **Filipino-Americans**, but also the incredible impact that they have made on Jersey City.”

The raising of the **Filipino** flag commences a month-long celebration commemorating the **Fifty-Third Anniversary** of friendship between the **Philippines** and the United States of America, which was declared on July 4, 1946, when the Philippine Commonwealth came to an end. The celebration concludes on **Philippine-American Friendship Day** on June 28, 2009.

The Philippines, officially known as the **Republic of the Philippines**, located in Southeast Asia, comprise 7,107 islands in the western Pacific Ocean. A former colony of Spain, and the United States, the **Philippines** is one of two predominant Christian countries in Asia.

Filipino-Americans (Fil-Am) have a marked presence within the United States and comprise the second largest Asian population in the country. Also, the United States is home to the largest group of overseas **Filipinos** in the world.

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